Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A message router for routing a message between a protocol gateway and a server, the message router comprising:

an authenticator to authenticate [[an]] ~~origin~~ a particular source of a message, said authenticator authenticating said ~~origin~~ particular source of said message before said message is routed by said message router between a protocol gateway and a server; and

a database accessible by said message router and adapted to store information relating to routing and authentication of said ~~origin~~ particular source of said message.

20. (previously presented) The message router according to claim 19, wherein:

said server is a least recently used protocol gateway.

21. (previously presented) The message router according to claim 19, wherein:

said server is a least recently used message router.

22. (previously presented) The message router according to claim 19, wherein:

said message router routes said message to a most specific server corresponding to a message key.

23. (previously presented) The message router according to claim 19, wherein:

said message router routes said message based on a content of said message.

24. (currently amended) A method of routing a message between a protocol gateway and a server comprising:

authenticating [[an]] ~~origin~~ a particular source of said message before a message is routed by a message router between a protocol gateway and a server;

accessing a database by said message router; and

storing information relating to routing and authentication of said ~~origin~~ particular source of said message.

25. (previously presented) The method of routing a message according to claim 24, wherein:

said server is a least recently used protocol gateway.

26. (previously presented) The method of routing a message according to claim 24, wherein:

said server is a least recently used message router.

27. (previously presented) The method of routing a message according to claim 24, further comprising:

routing said message to a most specific server corresponding to a message key.

28. (previously presented) The method of routing a message according to claim 24, further comprising:

routing said message based on a content of said message.

29. (currently amended) An apparatus for routing a message between a protocol gateway and a server comprising:

means for authenticating [[an]] ~~origin~~ a particular source of a message before said message is routed by a message router between a protocol gateway and a server;

means for accessing a database by said message router; and

means for storing information relating to routing and authentication of said ~~origin~~ particular source of said message.

30. (previously presented) The apparatus for routing a message according to claim 29, wherein:

said server is a least recently used protocol gateway.

31. (previously presented) The apparatus for routing a message according to claim 29, wherein:

said server is a least recently used message router.

32. (previously presented) The apparatus for routing a message according to claim 29, further comprising:

means for routing said message to a most specific server corresponding to a message key.

33. (previously presented) The apparatus for routing a message according to claim 29, further comprising:

means for routing said message based on a content of said message.

34-41. (canceled)